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To amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

AN ACT

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY**
4 **STUDIES OF EXISTING NATIONAL HISTORIC**
5 **TRAILS.**

6 Section 5 of the National Trails System Act (16
7 U.S.C. 1244) is amended by inserting the following new
8 subsection:

1 “(g) The Secretary shall revise the feasibility and
 2 suitability studies for certain national trails for consider-
 3 ation of possible additions to the trails.

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

5 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

6 “(i) ROUTE.—The term ‘route’ in-
 7 cludes a trail segment commonly known as
 8 a cutoff.

9 “(ii) SHARED ROUTE.—The term
 10 ‘shared route’ means a route that was a
 11 segment of more than one historic trail, in-
 12 cluding a route shared with an existing na-
 13 tional historic trail.

14 “(B) STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND OBJEC-
 15 TIVES.—The study requirements and objectives
 16 specified in subsection (b) shall apply to a study
 17 required by this subsection.

18 “(C) COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF
 19 STUDY.—A study listed in this subsection shall
 20 be completed and submitted to the Congress
 21 not later than three complete fiscal years from
 22 the date funds are made available for the study.

23 “(2) OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

24 “(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
 25 the Interior shall undertake a study of the

1 routes of the Oregon Trail listed in subpara-
 2 graph (B) and generally depicted on the map
 3 entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’
 4 and dated 1991/1993, and of such other routes
 5 of the Oregon Trail that the Secretary con-
 6 siders appropriate, to determine the feasibility
 7 and suitability of designation of one or more of
 8 the routes as components of the Oregon Na-
 9 tional Historic Trail.

10 “(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be
 11 studied under subparagraph (A) shall include
 12 the following:

13 “(i) Whitman Mission route.

14 “(ii) Upper Columbia River.

15 “(iii) Cowlitz River route.

16 “(iv) Meek cutoff.

17 “(v) Free Emigrant Road.

18 “(vi) North Alternate Oregon Trail.

19 “(vii) Goodale’s cutoff.

20 “(viii) North Side alternate route.

21 “(ix) Cutoff to Barlow road.

22 “(x) Naches Pass Trail.

23 “(3) PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC
 24 TRAIL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall under-
 25 take a study of the approximately 20-mile southern

1 alternative route of the Pony Express Trail from
2 Wathena, Kansas, to Troy, Kansas, and such other
3 routes of the Pony Express Trail that the Secretary
4 considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility
5 and suitability of designation of one or more of the
6 routes as components of the Pony Express National
7 Historic Trail.

8 “(4) CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

9 “(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
10 the Interior shall undertake a study of the Mis-
11 souri Valley, central, and western routes of the
12 California Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and
13 generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western
14 Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/
15 1993, and of such other and shared Missouri
16 Valley, central, and western routes that the
17 Secretary considers appropriate, to determine
18 the feasibility and suitability of designation of
19 one or more of the routes as components of the
20 California National Historic Trail.

21 “(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be
22 studied under subparagraph (A) shall include
23 the following:

24 “(i) MISSOURI VALLEY ROUTES.—

- 1 “(I) Blue Mills-Independence
- 2 Road.
- 3 “(II) Westport Landing Road.
- 4 “(III) Westport-Lawrence Road.
- 5 “(IV) Fort Leavenworth-Blue
- 6 River route.
- 7 “(V) Road to Amazonia.
- 8 “(VI) Union Ferry Route.
- 9 “(VII) Old Wyoming-Nebraska
- 10 City cutoff.
- 11 “(VIII) Lower Plattsmouth
- 12 Route.
- 13 “(IX) Lower Bellevue Route.
- 14 “(X) Woodbury cutoff.
- 15 “(XI) Blue Ridge cutoff.
- 16 “(XII) Westport Road.
- 17 “(XIII) Gum Springs-Fort Leav-
- 18 enworth route.
- 19 “(XIV) Atchison/Independence
- 20 Creek routes.
- 21 “(XV) Fort Leavenworth-Kansas
- 22 River route.
- 23 “(XVI) Nebraska City cutoff
- 24 routes.

1 “(XVII) Minersville-Nebraska
2 City Road.

3 “(XVIII) Upper Plattsmouth
4 route.

5 “(XIX) Upper Bellevue route.

6 “(ii) CENTRAL ROUTES.—

7 “(I) Cherokee Trail, including
8 splits.

9 “(II) Weber Canyon route of
10 Hastings cutoff.

11 “(III) Bishop Creek cutoff.

12 “(IV) McAuley cutoff.

13 “(V) Diamond Springs cutoff.

14 “(VI) Secret Pass.

15 “(VII) Greenhorn cutoff.

16 “(VIII) Central Overland Trail.

17 “(iii) WESTERN ROUTES.—

18 “(I) Bidwell-Bartleson route.

19 “(II) Georgetown/Dagget Pass
20 Trail.

21 “(III) Big Trees Road.

22 “(IV) Grizzly Flat cutoff.

23 “(V) Nevada City Road.

24 “(VI) Yreka Trail.

25 “(VII) Henness Pass route.

- 1 “(VIII) Johnson cutoff.
 2 “(IX) Luther Pass Trail.
 3 “(X) Volcano Road.
 4 “(XI) Sacramento-Coloma
 5 Wagon Road.
 6 “(XII) Burnett cutoff.
 7 “(XIII) Placer County Road to
 8 Auburn.

9 “(5) MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HISTORIC
 10 TRAIL.—

11 “(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
 12 the Interior shall undertake a study of the
 13 routes of the Mormon Pioneer Trail listed in
 14 subparagraph (B) and generally depicted in the
 15 map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/
 16 1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other
 17 routes of the Mormon Pioneer Trail that the
 18 Secretary considers appropriate, to determine
 19 the feasibility and suitability of designation of
 20 one or more of the routes as components of the
 21 Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail.

22 “(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be
 23 studied under subparagraph (A) shall include
 24 the following:

1 “(i) 1846 Subsequent routes A and B
2 (Lucas and Clarke Counties, Iowa).

3 “(ii) 1856–57 Handcart route (Iowa
4 City to Council Bluffs).

5 “(iii) Keokuk route (Iowa).

6 “(iv) 1847 Alternative Elkhorn and
7 Loup River Crossings in Nebraska.

8 “(v) Fort Leavenworth Road; Ox Bow
9 route and alternates in Kansas and Mis-
10 souri (Oregon and California Trail routes
11 used by Mormon emigrants).

12 “(vi) 1850 Golden Pass Road in
13 Utah.

14 “(6) SHARED CALIFORNIA AND OREGON TRAIL
15 ROUTES.—

16 “(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
17 the Interior shall undertake a study of the
18 shared routes of the California Trail and Or-
19 egon Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and gen-
20 erally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western
21 Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/
22 1993, and of such other shared routes that the
23 Secretary considers appropriate, to determine
24 the feasibility and suitability of designation of
25 one or more of the routes as shared components

1 of the California National Historic Trail and
2 the Oregon National Historic Trail.

3 “(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be
4 studied under subparagraph (A) shall include
5 the following:

6 “(i) St. Joe Road.

7 “(ii) Council Bluffs Road.

8 “(iii) Sublette cutoff.

9 “(iv) Applegate route.

10 “(v) Old Fort Kearny Road (Oxbow
11 Trail).

12 “(vi) Childs cutoff.

13 “(vii) Raft River to Applegate.”.

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